

Last year, 145 law enforcement officers gave their lives in the line of duty. Today, I would like to recognize and honor a fellow Alaskan: Officer John Patrick Watson, who gave his life Christmas Evening, 2003 while responding to a possible domestic dispute call. Officer Watson, an eighteen-year veteran of the force and resident of Kenai, Alaska was shot to death with his own weapon, allegedly by one of the individuals on whose welfare he was checking. Officer Watson is the first member of the Kenai Police Department to lose his life in the line of duty but his loss was not in vain. He will be remembered for his commitment to his job, his friends and most of all his family. He along with the other fallen members of the law enforcement community share a special bond with one another. They will be regarded as heroes, a bond they will share for eternity. It is only fitting that we celebrate their lives not for the way they died, but for the way they lived.

Officer John Patrick Watson went to work on Christmas Day as a hero and that is the way he will always be remembered. I pray for his wife Kathy, his daughter, six stepchildren and his family in Michigan. Officer Watson is a true Alaskan Hero.

CONGRATULATING MONSIGNOR
CONSTANTINE SICONOLFI HON-
ORED FOR THE 2004 AMERI-
CANISM AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I call the attention of the House of Representatives to Monsignor Constantine Siconolfi as he is honored by Amos Lodge No. 136 of B'nai B'rith with the 2004 Americanism Award at the 52nd annual awards dinner this Sunday at the Jewish Community Center in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Monsignor Siconolfi has dedicated his life to ministry in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Ordained in 1959, he was an assistant pastor at St. Patrick's in Milford, St. Cecelia's in Exeter and Holy Family in Scranton. In 1970, he was appointed as the Diocese of Scranton's director of ecumenism and human affairs, director of Catholic cemeteries, rector of Villa St. Joseph in Dunmore and director of the Campaign for Human Development.

Monsignor Siconolfi also served as the Bishop's Representative to the Pennsylvania Conference on Inter-Church Cooperation and to the Community Action Department of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. In 1985, Monsignor was named pastor of Holy Family Church in Scranton.

Monsignor Siconolfi founded and continues to serve as executive director of St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, which has served free daily meals to the needy of our area since 1978. Monsignor Siconolfi has been involved in a variety of other community and civic activities. He founded the Scranton-Lackawanna Labor Management Committee and the Marion Center for Women. He has served as director of the Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency, Scranton Neighbors Inc., the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council and Meals on Wheels of Lackawanna County. He continues

to serve on the boards of the Mayor's Human Relations Commission, UNICO, the Columbus Day Association and La Festa Italiana.

It is an honor and a privilege for me to represent this remarkable gentleman who gives of himself so freely. Mr. Speaker, today I ask you and my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Monsignor Siconolfi on receiving this great honor.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM SCHATZ
OF CLEVELAND, OH, PRESIDENT
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF METRO-
POLITAN SEWERAGE AGENCIES

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. William B. Schatz, General Counsel of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Schatz serves as the district's representative to the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA). On May 24, 2004, the members of AMSA elected Mr. Schatz to be the president of the Association stemming from his exemplary commitment and dedication to a clean-water community.

AMSA's mission is to effectively maintain a strong leadership role in the development and implementation of scientifically sound, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly policies for the protection of the health of the public and the environment. In May of 2004, AMSA celebrated 34 years of service to the clean-water community and the nation.

Mr. Schatz has served with distinction at NEORS from 1979 and for over 20 years has been a leader in the water quality arena working on many projects on behalf of the district and AMSA. His distinguished background includes service as the ad hoc legal advisor to the Ohio Association of Metropolitan Wastewater Agencies, as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Enforcement Training Institute, and as a member of EPA's Quality Review Committee on grant audits. Mr. Schatz has served in several capacities with AMSA, including chairing the Legal Affairs Committee, Water Infrastructure Funding Task Force, Joint AMSA-AMWA Insurance Committee, as well as serving on AMSA's Board of Directors.

Mr. Schatz was instrumental in establishing NEORS as a leading agency in the wastewater industry and in helping to guide its capital programs. Mr. Schatz has also had an influential voice in convincing Congress to fund the conversion of NEORS's physical chemical Westerley Plant to a conventional biological process. Mr. Schatz has also played an important role in helping shape critical national policy issues on infrastructure funding, enforcement, and construction grant audit appeals.

Cleveland, Ohio is honored to be the home to Mr. Schatz. It is no secret that he is a man who, day in and day out, goes above and beyond the call of duty. He is to be commended for his extraordinary efforts on behalf of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and on his election to lead the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN OIEN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to John Oien of Delta, Colorado for his outstanding career in the U.S. Forest Service and to congratulate him on his recent retirement. Over his thirty-seven year career, John helped preserve the beauty of the national forests in Colorado and other Western states, while making them more accessible for the public to enjoy. His service to this nation is commendable and worthy of recognition by this body of Congress and this nation.

John graduated from California Polytechnic State University with a degree in environmental design while working for the Forest Service in the Angeles National Forest. Following his graduation, he worked in National Forests in California, Nevada, and Idaho focusing on the planning of recreational areas. In 1979, John arrived in Delta, Colorado, where he began to work on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests. He has also done scenery management work on the Grand Mesa Scenic Byway and the San Juan Skyway, and worked with the Western Colorado Interpretive Association to allow the public to better understand the many qualities of the national forests.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that John Oien has been an invaluable resource for the State of Colorado and to our National Forest System. His selfless dedication to preserving a priceless part of America's landscape is worthy of acknowledgment before this body of Congress and this nation today. Thanks, John, for all your hard work, and I wish you and your wife, Jennifer, all the best in your well-deserved retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO LISA DAVIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Lisa Davis in recognition of her commitment to public service and help of those in greatest need.

Lisa is the third of four children born to Blackwood and Eliza Davis. She is proud to have grown up in Crown Heights and is now a longtime resident of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

A graduate of Ohio University, with a Bachelor of Science in Recreational Therapy, Lisa sought employment with the New York City Housing Authority as a Youth Community Center Director upon her return to Brooklyn. After 4 years, she left the Authority to work as a case manager for the Bureau of Child Welfare. Shortly afterward, she became a New York State Parole Officer, assigned to a special unit named S.H.O.C.K. This program managed only parolees younger than 22 years old and convicted of a drug-related crime. After several years of providing her services to the city and State, she left the public sector for 7 years to assist with the management of the family business.